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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a businessman, I don't understand why the government needed to interfere with the business practices of Microsoft. After all, Microsoft is a solid company that puts out a good product, is vital to the economy, and is vital to the tech industry. If Microsoft is not allowed to stand strong, I am afraid for what effect it could have on the economy.

Microsoft has been more than willing to come to an agreement in order to facilitate this suit. It seems their efforts are futile since no one seems to want to end this case. Not only did Microsoft agree to the establishment of a technical committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with any disputes, they also agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options in the settlement would infringe on any of Microsoft's intellectual property rights, Microsoft would provide them with a license to the necessary intellectual property on non-discriminatory terms. That seems more than fair to me.

Let's move on. The economy needs it. Thanks.

cc: Senator Larry Craig

Sincerely,

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